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Letter dated 19 September 2003 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 2nd plenary meeting of its fifty-eighth session pertaining to the allocation of items to the Second Committee (see annex).

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/58/250). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to the relevant paragraphs of sections IV and V of the report concerning the agendas of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

(*Signed*) Julian **Hunte**

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Annex

Allocation of items to the Second Committee

1. Macroeconomic policy questions (item 91):

   [The General Assembly decided that the Second Committee should include in its programme of work a review of the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, as provided below, and transmit all relevant comments to the Fifth Committee prior to its consideration of the proposed medium-term plan and its revisions and of the recommendations in chapter III, section C, entitled "Evaluation", of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/58/16):

   91. Macroeconomic policy questions (A/58/16, chap. III, sect. C.3)]

   (a) International trade and development;

   (b) Science and technology for development;

   (c) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries;

   (d) International financial system and development;

   (e) External debt crisis and development;

   (f) Outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation;

   (g) Commodities.

2. Sectoral policy questions: preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin (item 92).

3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation (item 93):

   (a) Women in development;

   (b) Human resources development;

   (c) International migration and development;

   (d) Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade.

4. Environment and sustainable development (item 94):

   (a) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005;

   (b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;

(c) Convention on Biological Diversity;

(d) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

(e) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

(f) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

(g) Sustainable mountain development.

5. Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (item 95).

6. United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (item 96).

7. Operational activities for development (item 97):

[The General Assembly decided that the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women would be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 97 (Operational activities for development).]

(a) Operational activities for development;

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries.

8. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (item 98).

9. Training and research (item 99):

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(b) United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy.

10. Globalization and interdependence (item 100).

11. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly (item 101).

12. Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (item 102).

13. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources (item 103).

14. Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development (item 104):

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development;

(b) High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development.

[The General Assembly took note of paragraphs 4 and 6 of its resolution 57/270 of 20 December 2002 and the announcement made by the President of the General Assembly at its 83rd plenary meeting, on 15 April 2003, that the high-level dialogue on financing for development would be held on 29 and 30 October 2003.]

15. Report of the Economic and Social Council (chaps. I-V, chap. VII, sects. B-H, and chap. IX) (item 12).

[The General Assembly decided that the Second Committee should also include in its programme of work a review of the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, as provided below, and should transmit all relevant comments to the Fifth Committee prior to its consideration of the proposed medium-term plan and its revisions and of the recommendations in chapter III, section C, entitled "Evaluation", of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/58/16):

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/16, chap. III, sect. B, programme 7, and A/58/84)]

[The General Assembly decided that the following chapters of the report would also be referred to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) and to the Third and Fifth Committees:

(a)	Chapters I, VII (sects. B and C) and IX	Third and Fifth Committees
(b)	Chapters III and V	Third Committee
(c)	Chapter VII (sect. D)	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)]

16. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (item 5).